spent by the Central Government for implementation of various Plan schemes and programmes for development of small scale industries in the country including Himachal Pradesh. Similarly, as intimated by Government of Himachal Pradesh an amount of Rs. 221.02 crore has
been spent by them for the same purpose.

(b) For the 10th Five Year Plan an outlay of Rs. 2200.00 crore has been made for implementation of the Plan schemes and programmes relating to development of small scale industries in the country including Himachal Pradesh. As intimated by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, they have also made an outlay of Rs. 204.60 crore for the same purpose.

Sick SSIs

1019. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of Small Scale Industries functioning in the country as on the 30th June, 2002, State-wise/SSI-wise;

(b) the number of SSIs lying closed now;

(c) the reasons for the closure and sickness of SSIs; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government to revive them in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b)The number of Small Scale Industries registered upto 30.06.2002 is estimated at 27,35,652.The State-wise break up is given in the Statement. (See below) The information on the functioning and closed SSI units and their SSI units-wise break up is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by scheduled commercial Banks. As the RBI, the number of sick SS! units at the end of March, 2001 were 2,49,630.

(c) The main reason of sickness/closure are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, managerial inadequacies etc.

(d) The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industries sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which *inter-aiia* include institutional mechanism in the form of State-Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in Banks and 6tate Financial Institutions, and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the working Group constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Bank's Association, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the Bank for implementation.

Statement

The estimated number of SSI Units registered as on 30th June, 2002

SI. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Number
1	2	3
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	32462
2.	Himachal Pradesh	18029
3.	Punjab	155507
4.	Chandigarh	3106
5.	Uttaranchal	35870
6.	Haryana	55552
7.	Delhi	19808
8.	Rajasthan	91881
9.	Uttar Pradesh	393894
10.	Bihar	92928
11.	Sikkim	339
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	643
13.	Nagaland	1761

1	2	3
14.	Manipur	5876
15.	Mizoram	4951
16.	Tripura	2133
17.	Meghalaya	3098
18.	Assam	26945
19.	West Bengal	154125
20.	Jharkhand	41448
21.	Orissa	23590
22.	Chhattisgarh	49157
23.	Madhya Pradesh	216194
24.	Gujarat	193758
25.	Daman & Diu	1910
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1374
27.	Maharashtra	154138
28.	Andhra Pradesh	132176
29.	Karnataka	182215
30.	Goa	6476
31.	Lakshadweep	86
32.	Kerala	243401
33.	Tamil Nadu	384336
34.	Pondicherry	5188
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	1295
	ALL INDIA TOTAL:	2735652

Safeguarding SSIs

†1020. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Wilt the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have taken any policy measures to safeguard and protect Small Scale Industries and to streamline the loan system to enhance foreign investment; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.